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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

October 7, 1988

The Honorable David L. Boren
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Dave:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I sent to the
Council on Foreign Relations.

(I very much appreciated the calls from both you
and Bill Cohen. Friendship, trust and respect have
a way of minimizing misunderstandings. Even so,
your calls were generous.)

Regards,

Robert M. Gates

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Mr. Kempton Dunn
Council on Foreign Relations, Inc.
58 East 68th Street
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Mr. Dunn:

I am writing to second the nomination of Senator David Boren of Oklahoma for membership in the Council. I have known Senator Boren for several years and believe he would be an extraordinarily valuable addition to the Council on Foreign Relations. As Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Senator Boren has great influence over the full range of foreign policy and intelligence activities of the U.S. government. He brings to the deliberations of the Committee and the Senate wide knowledge and understanding of international security issues, as well as common sense and insight.

What is particularly admirable about Senator Boren is his outspoken support for constancy and bipartisanship in American foreign policy. He has frequently spoken out and written on this issue. During a period in which there has been considerable acrimony between the Executive Branch and the Congress on foreign policy, Senator Boren's voice has been an important -- and all too lonely -- one calling upon the leaders of both branches of government to put aside political and partisan differences to advance the national interest.

Senator Boren is a man of unique integrity, intellectual quality and accomplishment. He is a thoughtful, decisive legislator. I am confident he will be an influential figure in national affairs for many years to come. He brings great credit to public service and the United States Senate; he also would bring great credit to the Council on Foreign Relations. I strongly recommend that he be invited to join the Council.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Gates

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